

Remarks

Claims 1-22 were pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 7, 9, 12, 14, 19, and 22 have been amended while claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled. Applicants assert that all claims are in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

102 Rejections

Claims 19-21 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Devine (US Pat 6,598,167). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Amended claim 19 recites, in part, providing access to the systems interface, the systems interface corresponding to at least one network address and including a protocol server providing an interface to a transaction server that is in direct communication with the legacy systems... and directing communications from the computer from the systems interface to a separate network address corresponding to the intranet by the protocol server bypassing the transaction server by directing communications directly to the intranet.

Devine fails to disclose these recitations. In Devine, the system interface or front end system is linked to the back end or legacy system via the intranet itself, which acts as a middle-tier network. As recited in claim 19, a protocol server and a transaction server are present in the interface and the transaction server is in direct communication with the legacy system and where the transaction server is bypassed to direct communications to the intranet. Devine fails to disclose the protocol server and the transaction server being in direct communication with the legacy system. Furthermore, Devine fails to disclose that which is in direct communication with the legacy system, i.e., the intranet, being bypassed in order to communicate directly with the intranet. Since the communications are to the intranet, it is illogical that the intranet is being bypassed. Accordingly, Devine fails to disclose all of the elements of claim 19 such that claim 19 is allowable over Devine. Dependent claims 20 and 21 depend from an allowable base claims and are also allowable for at least the same reasons.

103 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 5-18, and 22 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Devine in view of Willis (US Pat 6,738,815). Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Willis and Devine in view of Butts (US Pat 6,233,541). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 1, 9, 14, and 22 include similar recitations to those discussed above for claim 19. As discussed above, Devine fails to disclose that the protocol server and transaction server providing a system interface where the transaction server is in direct communication with the legacy system. Furthermore, Devine fails to disclose that the protocol server bypasses the transaction server in order to communicate directly with the intranet. Willis has been relied upon as providing a system interface to a legacy system including a protocol server and a transaction server in direct communication with the legacy system and also allowing access to an intranet. However, Willis discloses that all communications to both the legacy system and the non-legacy systems and intranet occur through the transaction server. Willis does not disclose that the protocol server directs communications to the intranet by bypassing the transaction server, as is recited in the claims. Therefore, these cited references, singly or in combination, fail to disclose all of the elements of claims 1, 9, 14, and 22 such that these claims are allowable over the cited references for at least these reasons. Dependent claims 2-8, 10-13, and 15-16 depend from allowable base claims and are also allowable for at least the same reasons. Furthermore, one or more of claims 2-8, 10-13, and 15-16 recite additional features that are allowable over the cited references.

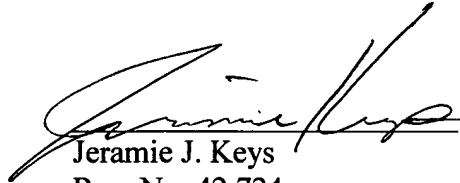
Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-16 and 19-22 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due beyond the fee for continued examination. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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